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SUBJECT: FY76 TRANSITION QUARTER (TQ) 76 AND FY77 SECURITY

ASSISTANCE ALTERNATIVE LEVEL (U)

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT ACTION TO USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS

JAN 21 FROM COMUSMILGPA LAPAZ BEING PASSED FOR YOUR ACTION.

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SUBJ: FY76, TRANSITION QUARTER (TQ) 76 AND FY77 SECURITY ASSISTANCE

ALTERNATIVE LEVEL(U)

A. UR 152235Z JAN 75 ZFF33, SUBJECT AS ABOVE.

1. THE PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF STATE GRANT MATERIEL LEVELS OF  
1.7 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FY76-66 WOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING IMPACT  
ON BOLIVIA'S MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

A. FOR PROGRAM FY76:

(1) DUE TO COUNTRY TEAM AND HC AGREED PRIORITIES TO  
FULLY EQUIP THE TIPO UNITS THE 1.7 MILLION LEVEL WOULD  
ELIMINATE THE HIGH PRIORITY ENGINEER EQUIPMENT WHICH IS  
ESSENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LINES OF COMMUNICATION REQUIRED  
FOR INTERNAL SECURITY AND CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.  
PROGRAMMING AND FUNDING OF ESSENTIAL ENGINEER EQUIPMENT HAVE  
ALREADY BEEN DELAYED FOR THREE YEARS.

(2) THIS PROPOSAL WILL ALSO EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATE THE  
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BAF MATERIEL PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE UH-1H WHICH HAS BEEN

PROJECTED FOR FY76 SINCE THE FY72 POM. FULL FUNDING OF THE FIVE TIPO REGIMENTS WOULD TAKE APPROX \$1.3 MILLION IN FY76, THEREBY NEGATING ANY REAL PROGRAM FOR THE BAF. THE BARE MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR FOS IS \$0.5 MILLION. WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE THE UH-1H WITH ITS SUPPORT (\$0.40).

(3) REDUCTION TO THE PROPOSED GRANT MATERIEL LEVELS FOR FY76 AND FY77 ESSENTIALLY ELIMINATE THE PROJECTED FY PROGRAMS FOR THE BOLIVIAN NAVY. THIS REDUCTION WOULD ELIMINATE THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

A. ALL INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE NAVY BATTALION AT DISTRICT #4.

B. ALL HAND TOOLS FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE CENTER LA PAZ.

C. ALL TRAINING AMMUNITION FOR M-2 CARBINES.

D. FOUR 4 TON STAKE BODY TRUCKS FOR NAVAL LOGISTICS SUPPORT.

B. FOR PROGRAM FY77:

(1) THE PROPOSED REDUCTION TO 1.7 MILLION WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE BASE PROGRAMMED TO SUPPORT THE HIGH DOLLAR ITEMS BEING RECEIVED IN COUNTRY. WITHOUT THIS MAINTENANCE BASE HC WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE MODERN EQUIPMENT BEING RECEIVED. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN THE CASE OF THE TIPO UNITS. THE TIPO PROGRAM IS UNDERSTOOD IMPLICITLY BY PRESIDENT BANZER TO BE A NATION TO NATION AGREEMENT WHICH HE NEGOTIATED IN 1971. ANY FURTHER DELAYS IN COMPLETION OF THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO CURRENT U.S./BOLIVIAN RELATIONS. THIS PROPOSED REDUCTION WOULD ALSO ELIMINATE THE SIGNAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO MODERNIZE THE COMMAND AND CONTROL ELEMENTS OF THE BOLIVIAN ARMY.

(2) THIS PROPOSED REDUCTION WILL PRECLUDE PROGRAMMING AND FUNDING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE BAF MODERNIZATION:

A. TRAINING AMMUNITION WHICH IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A VIABLE DEFENSE FORCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF AIRCRAFT, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES IN THE PERIMETER DEFENSE PROGRAM.

B. CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO BUILD TAXIWAYS, PARKING AREAS, LANDING STRIPS FOR JET AND TURBO-PROP AIRCRAFT NOW IN COUNTRY OR PROJECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

C. THE STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES PROPOSED FOR THE NEW MAINTENANCE CENTER IN COCHABAMB.

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2. AS STATED THE ABOVE PROGRAMS ARE CONSIDERED BY BOTH THE COUNTRY TEAM AND HOST COUNTRY AS ESSENTIAL AND EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN CONSONANCE WITH U.S. FOREIGN POLICY GOALS.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE IMPACT BY SERVICE OF THE ADJUSTED GRANT MATERIEL ADP PROGRAMS FOR FY76

A. ARMY. FY76 PROGRAM AS HAND CARRIED TO J-5 BY BOL FREDERICK, ONLY THOSE LINES WITH PRIORITIES AA TO AI INCLUSIVE

WOULD FALL WITHIN THE PROPOSED FUNDING.

B. AIR FORCE FY76 PER OUR MSG 142104Z JAN 75 FY76/77  
SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (U), ONLY LINES AS LISTED BELOW  
CAN BE FUNDED: RCN'S PB71, PB69, AND PB67.

C. NAVY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF CITED IN 3B, ABOVE, ONLY  
THE LOWER PRIORITY ITEMS LISTED CAN BE FUNDED: RCN PB10, AND  
PB09. DUE TO HIGHER PRIORITY ITEMS EXCEEDING AVAILABLE FUNDS.

4. THE ABOVE EXAMPLE IS EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO THE FY77 GRANT  
MATERIEL PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED AS A TAB TO THE  
FY77-81 POM.

5. THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN BOLIVIA CONCURS WITH THE CONTENTS  
OF THIS MESSAGE. HE INTENDS TO ELEVATE HIS COMMENTS THRU  
STATE DEPARTMENT CHANNELS OPPOSING THE PROPOSED REDUCTION.

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